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MR. FORTUNE'S TOUR

SPEAKS TO IMMENSE AUDIENCE IN LOUISVILLE.

MISSIONARY WORK IN INTEREST

Of Suffrage Cases in Charge of Afro-American Council—Miss Roxborough an Industrial Champion—Newsy Notes of Busy People.

Louisville (Ky.) Special.—The city was honored Tuesday by a visit from Mr. T. Thomas Fortune, president of the National Afro-American Council, and editor of the New York Age. He came in accordance with the instructions given him by the recent meeting of the executive committee of the council at Washington to do missionary work in behalf of the organization in the States where interest could be aroused to advantage. The local arrangements were made by Mr. W. H. Steward, editor of the American Baptist and one of the vice presidents of the National Council. Mr. Fortune delivered an able address Tuesday evening to an immense audience of Louisville's best citizens at the Calvary Baptist church, of which Rev. C. H. Parrish is pastor. Mr. Steward presided, stating the object of the mass meeting in a clean-cut address, and after a touching invocation by Rev. J. H. Frank, introduced Mr. Fortune in terms of the warmest commendation.

Mr. Fortune analyzed very cleverly the conditions under which the race labored, and pointed out the gradual deprivation of the Negro of civil and political rights guaranteed by the Federal Constitution. He urged ceaseless agitation, intelligent contention, lawful resistance of proscriptive policies and compact organizations as the remedies for the situation confronting us. His talk, covering an hour and a half, was interspersed with numerous pertinent anecdotes, experiences with "jim-crow" railroads, theaters and restaurants, and sidelights upon the men and women of the race who are making history. The names of Frederick Douglass, U. S. Grant, Theodore Roosevelt, John M. Harlan and Booker tened to with rapt attention, and his T. Washington came in for enthusiastic rounds of applause. He was lis-simple oratory, dramatic, however, in its intense earnestness, made a deep impression on the great gathering. Mr. Steward asked for a collection to assist the council in presenting the cases now before the courts, testing the constitutionality of the disfranchising laws of Southern States. The response was prompt and liberal, proving that the speaker's burning words had "struck home." After a statement by Rev. C. B. Allen, president of the Louisville local council, that a meeting of that body would be held early in February, the gathering adjourned, but did not disperse until all had come forward to grasp Mr. Fortune's hand and bid him Godspeed in the important mission he has undertaken. The brilliant and courageous New Yorker is a prime favorite here. He spoke in New Albany Wednesday night, with Lexington, Ky., Charleston, W. Va., and other points in prospective. The advent of Mr. Fortune has quickened the instinct of self-preservation within the race in this State, and will strengthen our determination to resist to the bitter end measures now pending in the Legislature to require an enucational test for voters, with the intention of enforcing only against the Negro.

Broadway A. M. E. Zion church was damaged by fire a few days ago. The pastor, Rev. G. C. Clement, has put in a force of men, and the repairs are rapidly approaching a completion.

During the recent visit of Prof. Kelly Miller, he acted as spouser at the organization of the Alumni Association of Howard University, quite a number of whom are located in this city. Lawyer Albert S. White was elected president, Prof. J. E. Givens, secretary, and Rev. E. G. Harris, treasurer.

An effort is being made to have the People's Forum appropriately observe the birthday of Frederick Douglass, February 14.

Louisville is a national highway, and her social and intellectual circles are kept lively by the frequent visits of talented ladies and gentlemen whose renown is scarcely bounded by the oceans. Within the past few weeks we have been honored by the presence of Prof. Kelly Miller, Prof. G. W. Carver, Violinist Joseph H. Douglass, Mrs. Ruth M. Collett, Editor T. Thomas Fortune, and Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis. The distinguished platform luminary, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, is expected soon, and Bishop G. W. Clinton is on the way.

Bishop Evans Tyree is a graduate of the Louisville National Medical College.

Mr. R. W. Thompson, of Jeffersonville, Ind., has become a member of the Church of Our Merciful Savior, by transfer from St. Luke's P. E. church, Washington, D. C., of which Rev. Owen Meredith Waller, D. D., M. D., is rector.

Miss Nellie A. Hughes, one of the most promising of the many conscientious young ladies attending the normal, will be assigned to a desirable school in the spring.

Miss Lucy Roach, of 509 York street, a graduate of the trained nurse department of Tuskegee Institute, class of 1903, has already built up a reputation for thoroughness and reliability, and has all the work that she can do and is frequently engaged by persons outside of the city upon the recommendation of gratified patrons here. The same is true of Mr. J. S. Hopson, a graduate of the tailoring department at Tuskegee, who conducts a well-stocek establishment at 632 Eighth street. Young men and women with the Tuskegee equipment and spirit of hustle will thrive anywhere on earth.

The State Convention of the Y. M. C. A. will be held February 18, 19 and 20, at Bowling Green.

The Central Law School is preparing for the annual graduating exercises.

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, of the Baptist Missionary organization, is in Memphis, Tenn., this week.

Mesdames Nora Payne and M. L. Bonner and Rev. George B. Walker were on last Saturday's program of the Teachers' Reading Circle. Miss Emma J. Alexander is president and Miss V. B. Raynes is secretary of the circle.

Calvary Baptist church is one of the few houses of worship that are out of debt. The trustees have quite a handsome surplus on hand, and as the growth of the congregation has rendered the present structure too small, they are discussing the advisability of erecting a new building capable of seating two thousand persons.

Editor T. Thomas Fortune was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Steward, 825 Eighth st, while in our midst.

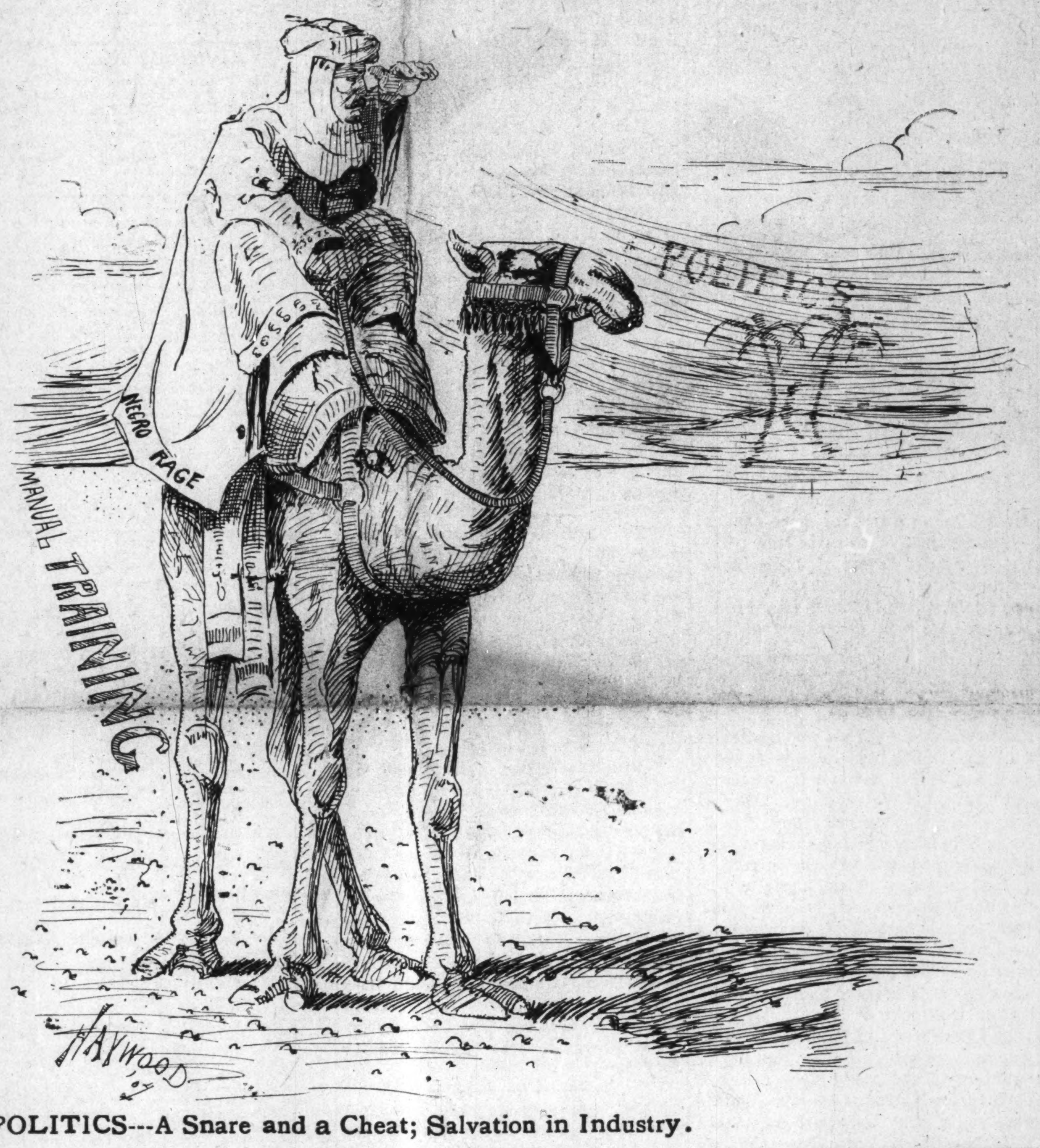
Tom Logan, the popular comedian and manager, is "helping out" at the Blue Ribbon Theater, having closed at Fernandino, Fla., by reason of a change of ownership in the house in which he was playing. He will have charge of a first-class summer company at a leading park when the season opens.

It is whispered around that Mr. Frank W. Hughes is engaged to Miss Olive S. Mahone, an Evansville belle. When quizzed concerning the rumor, the young man blushed profusely, but remained as mute as the proverbial clam.

Miss Cornelia Roxbury, a young lady of rare talent and energy, is doing an execellent work at the head of the industrial school in connection with the Church of Our Merciful Savior. Miss Roxborough gives instruction in sewing, cooking and other branches of domestic science and the art of home-making. She is an eloquent champion of common-sense education for the masses, and never loses an opportunity to put in a telling argument in support of the practical sytem of mind and hand training advocated and so admirably conducted by Booker T. Washington at Tuskegee. She is unalterably opposed to the shame and artificialties that retard the Negro's progress, and her uplifting influence is going far toward counteracting the false ideas of industry generated by that portion of our social atmosphere that fails to comprehend the value of substance and genuineness.

KENNETH REID.

A MIRAGE?



POLITICS---A Snare and a Cheat; Salvation in Industry.

A PRACTICAL WORKER IN IRON.

New Albany (Ind.) Special.—A leading blacksmith, a master mechanic, and contractor for many varieties of work in iron, is George L. James, a colored man. He enjoys the confidence of the people here, regardless of race, and renders most satisfactory service to the best families of the city. Mr. James has a large shop and forge and State street, a prominent thoroughfare, and gives steady employment to three assistants, and more in emergencies. He learned his trade in Clarksville, Tenn., in 1885, and shortly afterward moved to this section, where he has since resided, and has laid the foundation of an independent fortune. Mr. James is an ardent admirer of Booker T. Washington, and regards the Tuskegee educator as the greatest man in the country and the races divinely-appointed guide and counsellor.

Dr. W. A. Burney has gone to his ranch in San Diego, Calif., to spend the remainder of the winter. It is understood that he will return here in the spring and again take up his residence among his old friends, bringing with him Mrs. Burney, whom he married not long ago. He was in great demand as a practicioner during his visit, and his resumption of the work in this city and in connection with the Louisville National Medical college in Louisville will be welcomed by all.

Mr. Bert Alexander, an enterprising young man, has opened a grocery and family-supply store in the remodeled Vance block, corner Oak and Bank streets. He is favorably situated for building up a big trade.

There were several colored delegates to the district convention Tuesday, which elected Hon. John C. Zulauf district chairman and member of the Republican State Central Committee.

Jones' Chapel, A. M. E. Zion church, was damaged by fire a few nights ago to the extent of $300. It was covered by insurance. The church had just recently been repaired and was a beauty.

Mrs. Mary E. Washington, whose helpful labors for the church and missionary cause are known and appreciated throughout the country, is very favorably mentioned for the office of missionary secretary, a post likely to be created by the St. Louis General Conference of the Zion connection.

Mr. Thomas H. Johnson, asistant custodian of the Federal building, has been suffering with an attack of la grippe. Mrs. Charity Mitchen died last week, heart disease being the cause. Here entire estate is left by will to her husband, and upon his death is to be divided among the five children.

Thomas Vest and Miss Sallie E. Carter were united in marriage Monday by Rev. S. C. Manuel.

Miss Jessie O. Clay has returned to her school at Mt. Washington, Ky.

Dr. E. R. Gaddie enjoys a lucrative practice. He is very materially assisted by Mrs. Gaddie, who has had considerable experience in the healing art.

Miss Edna Hagan, of Peoria, Ill., is spending the winter with her aunt, Mrs. W. O. Vance, and is attending high school.

A branch of the National Negro Business League will be organized shortly, and will be represented at Indianapolis in August.

Walter Maxwell has been appointed as a substitute letter carrier by Postmaster R. W. Morris. The recognition of the race falls upon worthy shoulders.

Randall-Stevens Nuptials

Suffolk, Va., Special.—The chiming of merry bells were heard on the evening of the 20th, for Mr. Charles H. Randall led to the altar Miss Eliza H. Stevens, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, of this place. The marriage was celebrated at the A. M. E. Church, Rev. Dr. Garner officiating. Mr. Randall is one of the city's most industrious and progressive young men. After spending a few days of the honeymoon in travel the young couple will settle down to enjoy a happy life in Suffolk.—Mr. Lee, the insurance man, in East Washington street, is doing a great work. Every colored family in the city shold do business with him. No one more obliging, no one more capable, no one more deserving. Mr. Crocker is another of our safe business men. In the real estate and undertaking business he has no equal. He is doing more for the uplift of people than any other man in his line in the state. Dr. Fuller, as a fixture, need not be discussed; seeing his place is enough. He carries a fine line of drugs and stationery, etc. It is said in Suffolk that those who will die in spite of Fuller's skill will be buried so nicely by Crocker that death will be a positive pleasure.

Suffolk has a number of colored business houses of which I shall speak some day.

Chattanooga Items.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—Mr. James Cornelius has opened up a first class restaurant at 410 West Eighth street.—Mrs. Martha Jones, 112 Helen street, is ill.—Mrs. Purnice Nesbit, of Ashville, N. C., is visiting her father, who is ill.—Little Albert Inman, 9 years old, is hustling up news for The Freeman after school hours. She sells The Freeman and solicits your patronage.—Rev. Ward preached an excellent sermon Sunday night, the 17th.—Mrs. Martha Jones and family received from her grand daughter, Mrs. Mary Johnson, who lives in Memphis, Tenn.—Mrs. Natie Davis is improving slowly.—Miss Susie Veal is teaching in the seventh district school, Ft. Cheatham.—The Freeman can be found at 112 Helen-st.

Muncie Items.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—The funeral of Will Stokert was conducted from the A. M. E. Church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. C. Townsend officiating; enterment at Beech Grove. The Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges, both of which Mr. Stokert was a member, had charge of the funeral.—The revival meeting is still in progress at the A. M. E. Church. Rev. Taylor will be assisted this week by Revs. Townsend and Hardiman.—Miss Zerelda Ladd, of Modoc, Ind., is in the city, the guest of Miss Susie Guillem, of South Madison street.—Miss Louise Scott visited friends in Anderson over Sunday.

Personal Mention.

Roseneath, Miss., Special.—Mrs. A. E. Ross and Miss Annie Ross, of this city made a visit to Yazoo City recently.—R. L. Dickson has returned from New Orleans, La., on a visit to his family.—After an absence of thirteen years in Arkansas and Tennessee J. H. Wheeler made a pleasant visit to Greenville, Miss.

THE QUESTION AGAIN

THE NEGRO SHOULD BE ACCORDED ALL LEGAL RIGHTS

WILL THEY SOLVE THE QUESTION

Education the Method to Relieve the Present Condition—Permanent Inferiority Will Never Succeed—Vardaman's Dangerous Dogma.

Washington, D. C, Special Correspondent.

Everyone interested in the preservation of harmonious relations betwen the white and black races in the United States cannot but regard with misgivings the frequency of intemperate utterances emanating from both sides of the inter-racial "firing line." So dependent is the public upon the press for controlling data in the formation of its general opinion that the Pen and Pencil Club has deemed it wise to disseminate the expressions of representative Americans upon this subject of vital moment, not only to the Negro but to the nation itself.

Those who have come to believe that the South is the friend of popular education will be disappointed upon reading the recently delivered inaugural address of Governor Vardraman, in which he charged that education has no deterrent influence upon the black race, and that the race is becoming more criminal as it becomes more intelligent. The underlying motive for this opinion is to find moral sanction for the exclusion of the Negro from the right of suffrage. In striking at the black man, however, the Mississippi executive aims a blow at an institution dear to the hearts of all true Americans, and the press will be eagerly watched to see how the governor's dangerous dogma is received. His conclusions are, he claims, based upon the census of 1890; it will be interesting, therefore, to see how far they are supported by the later data supplied by the census of 1900.

In pleasing contrast tn the opinion of Governor Vardaman is the following from an address recently delivered before the Ethical Culture Society in New York, by Dr. Felix Adler, in his address on "The Negro Problem in the United States." After calling attention to the North's share of responsibility in the right solution of the problem he said, among other things:

"If the attempt is ever made—I trust it will never be—to create a class permanently no temporarily, excluded from the franchise, the very foundations of republican liberty will be undermined through the whole country, because the contagion will spread. History shows that though the experiment has often been made to found a democracy upon the basis of slavery, or permanent inferiority, it has never succeeded and never can succeed. It is as true to day as it was in Lincoln's time that this country cannot be half slave and half free. What measures should be taken to relieve present conditions? First, education; secondly, equitable administration of justice; and lastly, we must rise to a higher conception of democracy. We must treat the Negro as a man. The term 'child race' is dangerous. Undue severity has a tendency to distort the moral fiber. Democracy is a compact between the efficient and the inefficient, and its object is to lift the inefficient."

Still another noteworthy discussion from the standpoint of one of the foremost most conservative statesman of the present generation is that recently presented by Mr. Carl Schurz, published in the January McClure's, under the caption "Can the South Solve the Negro Problem?" This, the New York Times summarizes as follows:

"The substance of Mr. Shurz's appeal to the South is that the Negro shall be accorded all legal rights equally with the whites, subject to the same obligations and receiving the same preparation through education for the fulfillment of his duties and the enjoyment of his opportunities. His argument is one that the South should candidly consider, and coming from one who has proved his patriotic devotion to justice for whites of the South at great risk and cost, it is entitled to peculiar respect."

Upon the fundamental truth as to the necessity of equal educational privileges for both races these two eminent authorities are in perfect accord, and it is encouraging to note that such influential independent papers as the times and many other journals are advocating the same policy.

QUILLMAN.

News Items.

Rome, N. Y., Special.—Mrs. M. Villodsor, pastor of the Union A. M. E. Church, went to Albion, N. Y., on the 9th.—R. V. Payne was in Utica Monday, the 11th.—Mr. Henry Freeman was made a trustee in the A. M. E. Church Tuesday night the 12th.

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THE WAITERS...

President Thompson's Opportunity.

Frank P. Thompson, president of the Head, Second and Sidewaiters' Association, is a man of ability and unlimited influence in hoteldom, among the employers, employes and his fellow headwaiters. Recognizing the above qualities in Mr. Thompson, the members of the above association elected him president at their annual convention which convened in Washington, D. C, Oct. 14, 1902, and again honored him with reelection at their recent convention which was held in Atlantic City, N. J. During his first year's administration President Thompson outlined a plan to completely reorganize the association on a gigantic plan. The members of the association met Mr. Thompson half way by allowing him to adopt his plan of reorganization in order to give it a fair trial, Mr. Thompson was given corte blanche in everything that he may make the plan a success. President Thompson is a man of ability, means and great influence and besides he holds, or is supposed to hold, the best position held by any colored headwaiter—that as headwaiter-in-chief of East Coast Hotel System. President Thompson certainly has a great opportunity, in view of the above fact, to make the association a phenominal success. Consequently the eyes of every member is upon President Thompson, and his opportunities. The editor sincerely trust that he will make the association a success, and with everything in his favor see no reason why he should not. We have the success of the association at heart, and shall note with pleasure the success of same

REMINISCENCES OF CURRENT EVENTS.

Chicago, Ill, Special —Of all ignorance that which makes light of learning is the most detestable

Greed doesn't pay. The Chicago theatrical managers were too greedy to spend the money necessary to equip their theatres to meet the requirements of the ordinances, and now they are losing thousands of dollars daily.

The theatrical business has been dull, and the gloom cast over it by the holocaust at the Irequois theatre has made it more so. So much so that in many a company the white spectre is having considerable difficulty in making his accustomed strolls

Recently I attended a Negro deliberative gathering, and to some of the colored brethren it seemed to be the happiest moments of their lives when the opportunity offered itself for them to rise to a point of order.

To write well requires constant practice. In no other way can a good style be acquired. Many people have an opinion that a good style comes the moment a pen is picked up. They think that, like the swimming of the duck, it is an effortless accomplishment, If we read the lives of such masters of style as Irving McCauley, Addison and De Quincey we will find that their ease and charm of style came only after unremitting toil and care. These men had deep learning, but, despite that, they worked indefatigably to acqure that ready, facile style to give to others the benefit of that learning.

Style is an individuality, men differ from each other as much in their style as they do in their faces What a difference is there from the quiet, limpid style of Irving to the turbulent, clasic style of De Quincey.

Since style is an individuality it is plain to be seen that we can never acquire the use of that of another. There is a saying that for any one to acquire a good style he must give his days and nights to the study of Addison. Like many other sayings that are prevalent, this one is full of unwise counsel. To imitate a great man is to acquire his faults and not his virtues. So, should any one try to acquire Addison's style by imitation he would find his style loaded down with Addsonian imperfections, while the Addisonian virtues would still be with Addison. He would make as sorry a mistake as if he were to try by some means or other to make his outward appearance conform to his. In trying to make his appearance conform to another's he would not only fail to accomplish his purpose, but would disfigure his own; so it would be with his style.

There are certain recognized principles governing style. If we study Addison, or any other of the masters of style to see how he makes use of these principles, or, in other words, to resolve his style into these principles then, with profit, can we give up our days and nights to such study.

Jim Hill tells the laboring people they must require representatives in congress to stop fighting railroad com bines, that means cheaper rates. Jim's interest and the laboring people's are so widely divergent that we must view with caution what he says.

The other day while waiting my turn in a barbershop I handed to a well-dressed young man—not more than 22—a newspaper, at the same time pointing to a brief article of a sensational nature which I had just read, and the reading of which I thought might interest him. He took the paper, glanced at what I pointed out to him laid it down and repaired to a looking glass in the rear of the shop, by which he adjusted his tie. After this he struck up a conversation with an acquaintance. I was, to tell the truth, somewhat piqued at the abrupt manner in which he treated me, but said nothing. His conversation was very brief and trivial. He rolled a cigarette and taking a parting glance at himself in the mirror he quitted the place Then I was told he was unable to read even his own name. I also learned that he was an inveterate card player, that he acknowledged no superior at the game of coon-can, was an able whist player and simply redoubtable at poker.

As I left the shop I thought that were I to reproach him with his inability to read he would no doubt plead a lack of opportunity instead of ambition as the cause. He would unfold to me such a pitful tale of no opportunities that were I to give it all credence I would be compelled to admit that here is one person into whose life not one moment of opportunity has ever come. But his appearance would give the lie to his words. The very clothes on his back, which were quite costly, bespoke opportunities. whereby, had he only had the ambition, he would have been able to read.

An education now-a-days, and especially for one living in the North, is so easy of attainment that there is no position or condition in life that cannot have it if only the ambition is present. Education surrounds us, and at every step we take in life she beckons us to embrace her. Books, owing to their multiplicity are so cheap that what is spent for cans of beer, or for cigars, or for other useless habits that can, with profit, be dispensed with would soon equip a person with a good, practical library. The newspapers, bristling with the thought of the hour, can be had for a sum too small to be listed as an expense. The magazines, with their scholarly dissertations on subjects covering the whole field of learning can be had for a sum almost as small. There are correspondence schools, that for a trifling sum will teach you any subjects you are anxious to learn.

There are many other means to an education, but I only mention the foregoing three for they are within reach of every body. When an education is going so cheap, as the salesman says, at your own figure, do you think there is much self-respect in a man who will prefer to grope his way through this world in darkest ignorance; unable to even read, when, by a little effort he could acquire an education and become one of the many potentialities which go to make up that thing we call the world.

Ignorance in some states is a physical disability to the enjoyments of some of the rights of citizenship. Methinks I see in this but a step to the making of ignorance a physical disability to all the rights of citizenship, or, in other words, a crime.

To return to the young man in question I would say that to become an expert whist player requires as much time as it does to learn a language. I remember having at one time in my life taken up the study of whist and French. I acquired a ready knowledge of French so that I was able to translate it at sight, but I have never amounted to anything as a whist player, although I worked as hard at it as I did at my French. I have always been the target for my partner's displeasure at my bad plays whenever I indulge in the game Coon-can and poker call for as much time and assiduity as whist. If the young man had only given one-third the time to the pursuit of an education that he has given to the acquirement of card lore he would not be embarrassed when any one handed him something to read.

PETER GIBSON FINCH.

Greenville News.

Greenville, Ky., Special —The Juvenile Club, of the A. M. E. Z. Church, presented to the church two beautiful Morris chairs for the pulpit Sunday night, the 17th, at the cost of $8 84 The club is composed mostly of young people and children. They also gave the church a load of coal. They meet every Sunday afternoon and are doing a good work. The committee who presented the chairs in behalf of the club was Miss Alice Bradley, Mrs. Bettie Bradley, Miss Henrietta Vought, Miss Nettie Marshall, Miss Clyde Wing, Miss Anna Dulin, Miss Lillian Wing, Mrs. Lizzie George, Miss Fannie Dulin and Miss Lillie Davis. Miss Alice Bradley made the presentation speech in behalf of the club. Mr. Lindsay Elliott, trustee, and Rev. T. A. Brown, pastor, responded in behalf of the church.—The district conference will meet here some time in July, the exact date is not given. —The pastor preached an important sermon on the subject: "Is it Any Harm to Dance?" text, Matt. xiv, vi-xi. 'The daughter of Herodias danced off the head of John, the Baptist." The dance was fully discussed in all of its phases, and it was plainly shown that christians especially should not dance.

Muncie Personals.

Muncie, Ind, Special.—Rev. Hardiman, the boy preacher, has been assisting Rev. Taylor in revival services at the A M E. Church. Rev. Hardiman returned home Thursday.—Rev. Sanders, of Springfield, Ill., spent Sunday in the city, the guest of Rev. Taylor and family. Rev. Sanders delivered two sermons Sunday, which were well attended and enjoyed.

The Sunday School class, taught by Mrs. Ray, in Second Baptist Church, gave an entertainment Thursday evening for the benefit of the church fund. —The Sunday School at both the A. M. E. and the Baptist Churches are increasing in attendance, and are progressing nicely.—Mrs. Nora Curtis entertained her mother of Marion, Ind., over Sunday.—Omer Knox has moved his family to the Evans homestead, in South Beacon street —The Uncle Tom's Cabin Co., Sundayed in the city, having played an engagement at Wysor's theatre Saturday.

Hot Springs News.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.—George W. Childress, who is well known in this city, died in San Antonia, Texas, January 11, which place he had gone for his health. His body was shipped here for burial last week. His funeral was preached at the Chapel A. M. E Church Sunday January 18 by Rev P. W Wade. He was a member of the G. U. O. O. F. His many friends as well as his relatives mourn his demise.—Eastman hotel, one of the lrrgest hotels in the South, opened for the season January 21, with Mr. Lee Walker, of Jacksonville, Fla., as headwaiter; Mr. Dan Boone, of New York, as secondwalter—Late arrivals to the city for the season are Messrs Fred Emery, of Chicago; J. Griffin, of Popular Bluff, Mo; Horace Hennedy, Louisiana; W. S. Quartebaum, Chicago.

Delegates Elected.

Savanah, Ga., Special.—The Georgia Annual Conference, which was in session here last week, elected the following delegates to General Conference, which meets in Chicago next May; Revs. T. N. M. Smith, D. D., W. Decker Johnson, D. D., Allen Cooper, D. D., W. O. P. Sherman, D. D., R. H. Singleton, W. H. Wells, T. R. Sims, B. D., G. W. Butler, R. M. S. Taylor and P. F. Curry, B. D. Revs. Dr. H. T. Johnson and W. D. Chappelle were present and were given a warm reception. This conference is solid for Dr. Johnson.

Great Rejoicing.

Des Moines, Iowa, Special.—One of the greatest feasts of the season was held under the roof of the St Paul's A. M. E. Church on the 11th. This was a rejoicing over the deliverance of the church from debt. Everything was served free. There were several old members to respond to the toastmaster's call. The most conspicuous was Mrs. Allen, a charter member, who helped to organize the church some thirty years ago.—Friends will bemoan the death of Mrs. Ida May Hudson, who died on the 10th.—Revival meetings have started at the Corinthian Baptist Church.

Cadiz Locals

Cadiz, Ohio, Special.—Miss Minnie Fletcher was home a few days on a visit from Uhricsville.—Mrs. Alice Tyler and daughter, Miss Viola who have been visiting friends and relatives in Wooster, O., have returned home.—Abram Thompson, of Mingo Junction, was in town over Sunday —Rev. A. M. Howe was called to his home in Newville, Pa., by the illness of his wife.—There was a social held at Simpson Chapel on last Saturday night.

Mineola Items.

Mineola, Texas, Special —The city is dull now.—Many farmers are at work in their fields —Remember that you can not vote until you have paid your poll tax.—Robert Brooks is cooking at the Union Hotel.—Mrs. Josie Council reads The Freeman.—The Terrill String Band was here on the 9th.—The weather is warm.—Get The Freeman for $1.00 per year.

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BE IT KNOWN, That on the 7 day of Jan. 1904 the above named plaintiff, by her attorneys, filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Marion county, in the state of Indiana, her complaint against the above named defendant Jesse James Washington and the said plaintiff having also filed in said clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person showing that said defendant Jesse James Washington is not a resident of the state of Indiana and said cause is for divorce and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 5th day of March, 1904.

NOW, THEREFORE, By order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him and that unless he appear and answer or demur hereto, at the calling of said cause on the 5th day of March 1904, the same being the 30th judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in February 1904 said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in his absence

WM. E DAVIS, Clerk.

J. T. V. HILL, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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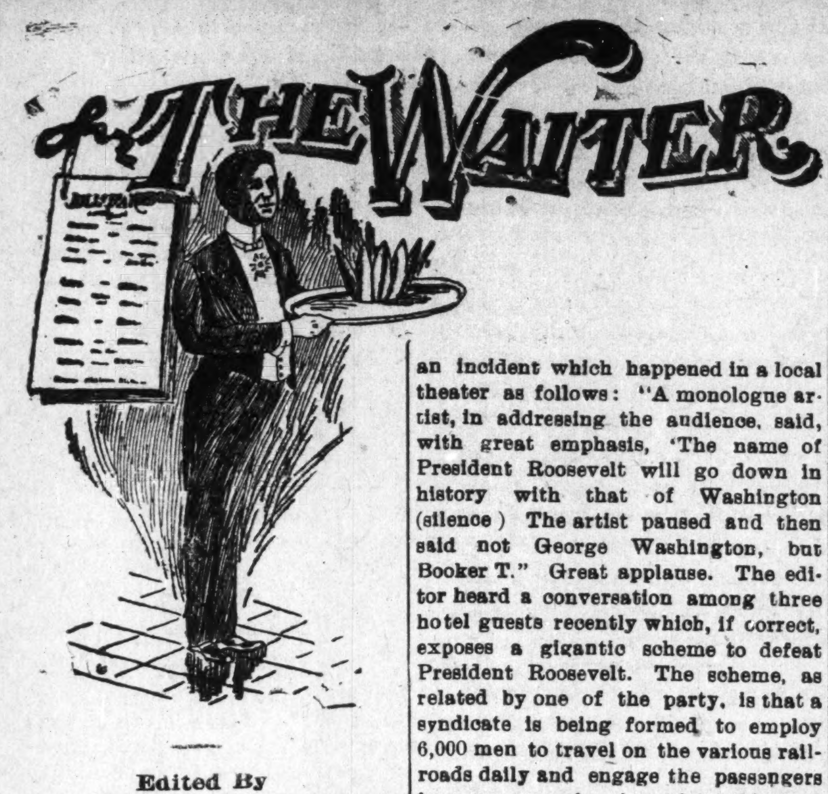

Edited By
W. FORREST COZART.

The Windsor Hotel at Denver, Col, changed colored waiters for white girls on the 15th.

It is announced in the press that Mr. Charles Baur, formerly proprietor of the Oliver Hotel, South Bend, Ind., has gone hopelessly insane.

Colored waiters are in the dining room of the Franklin Hotel, Deadwood, S. D. The boys have a fine place and are getting along nicely.

Mr. P. Moores, the new headwaiter at the Wilson Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah, is giving excellent service with his first class crew of boys. The Wilson is European.

Mr. Edward Brown, chairman of the Waiters' Union baking committee at Atlantic City, N. J., has been arrested charged with embezling $158.85 from local union No. 568 of that city.

F. M. Motley, who has been second waiter under Headwaiter J. M. Butler at the Marlborough House, Atlantic City, N. J., has been appointed headwaiter at the Ellsworth hotel in that city.

R. F. Trusty, formerly headwaiter at the Chester Inn. Atlantic City, N. J., has gone to Palm Beach, Fla., where he has accepted a position under Headwaiter Fred Allen at the Royal Ponciania. Mrs. Trusty is already at Palm Beach awaiting the arrival of her husband.

Mr. T. H. Frame, headwaiter at the Knutsford, Salt Lake City, Utah, has just declined the offer of headwaitership from the Cook, Hotel and Excursion Company for the big hotel "Napoleon Bonaparte," which indicates that the company will use colored help. Any one that wishes to make an effort to secure same might correspond with Mr. C. M. Hill, manager, Holland Building, St. Louis, Mo.

Christmas gifts were very plentyful for Headwaiter Frame at the Knutsford —a fine gold watch, diamond shirt stud, watch charm with diamond in center, gold cigar clipper with chip diamond, a walking cane with sterling silver head. The cane is a peculiar one; it carries a drinking glass inside, another place holds six highball drinks. The cane was the compliments of a lady friend. Evidently Frame likes his highballs.

A "waiter's school of correspondence" for perfecting waiters has been established in Kansas City. Anything that will assist in improving dining room service is to be commended, and it may be possible to give some instructions in writing on this subject. However, one trouble with the waiter who has only book and correspondence training is that when he comes to put his learning into practice he may, at the outset, drop a little hot soup down your neck occasionally.—Hotel World.

From Ashville, N. C.

Mr. J. W. Thomas will leave in a few days for Clarksburg, W. Va., where he will open the new hotel Waldo, which will run on the European plan, We hope Mr. Thomas will have great success in his new location. He is supported by Jesse Hired, second waiter, F. W. Borders, captain of the watch, and a crew of first class waiters with experience. Mr. Thomas is the first headwaiter that has ever left Ashville to open an European house.

The article, "Sable Clouds," by Mr. J. D. Howard, which appeared in The Freeman recently, was quite interesting and timely. Soon after reading the article the editor picked up the N. Y. Herald, and the first thing of political interest noticed was a dispatch which stated "Colorado for Mark Hanna," and in order to show the drift of public sentiment the dispatch related an incident which happened in a local theater as follows: "A monologue artist, in addressing the audience, said, with great emphasis, 'The name of President Roosevelt will go down in history with that of Washington (silence) The artist paused and then said not George Washington, but Booker T." Great applause. The editor heard a conversation among three hotel guests recently which, if correct, exposes a gigantic scheme to defeat President Roosevelt. The scheme, as related by one of the party, is that a syndicate is being formed to employ 6,000 men to travel on the various railroads daily and engage the passengers in a conversation in which it is hoped to create public sentiment against the president. Judging from the above and what Mr. Howard said a syndicate has already gobbled up the cheap actors.

The American public school system, the very fundamental principles of Americanism, is being dangerously threatened from two different sources The following letter will explain the lesser evil:

Editor Israelite—How many Jewish parents who are daily sending their children to the public schools realize that they are being taught more religion than anything else? At this season of the year, as Christmas is approaching, the children are being taught songs that would be proper in a Sunday-school. In a certain grade in the public schools of this city there are only two Jewish children—a girl and a boy, both about eight years of age, and the teacher, instead of asking the other children, asks these two Jewish children questions about Christmas, such as Why is Christmas celebrated? Whose birthday is it? and numerous other questions I ask you is it right? A stop should be put to this and at once. It should not be allowed any longer, for who can say what it will lead to —O. G

But the main cancer which is continually knawing at the heart of our public school system is Roman Catholicism Try as the Catholics may to hide their hate and never casting opposition to the public schools of America, like Blanquo's ghost, it will not down, but ever now and then bob up in a new place. The latest outbreak along this line was the ranting of Archbishop Quigley in an address to the Catholic Woman's League in Chicago recently. Archbishop Quigley was only recently placed at the head of the diocese at Chicago, and as a way of introducing himself showed how unAmerican and unmitigated, presumptous the head of a Catholic diocese really is. Bishop Quigley would turn back the march of civilization by uniting the church and the State in America. He would array creed against creed and sect against sect. He says that Catholic children should only attend Catholic schools taught by Catholics, but the expense should be paid by the State. The education of the child, he says, should rest with the church and not with the State. Protestants and non-Catholics say the archbishop "is undertaking, through the present public school system, to prevent the Catholic children from becoming firmly cemented to their church and to keep the Catholic church from getting a stronger foothold. All teaching of history by non Catholics is anti-Catholic." The archbishop might have gone further and been more frank in propounding Roman Catholicism, and said that all marriages by non-Catholics are not marriages and that children born under such union are illegitiment. In spite of Archbishop Quigley and his followers the little red school house will still stand on the hill and old glory will still float above its roof, and the American public school system will be upheld and maintained at any cost. The American idea of education is that it is the business of the State to train citizens, and that of the church to train christians.

From Pittsburg, Pa.

Mr. Editor—Believing it to be not out of order to speak of this affair kindly permit me to call your attention to a very handsome Christmas present presented to aur esteemed headwaiter, Mr. J. T. Gilbert, at the Hotel Anderson.

The phrase containing the word "Esteem" is very common place I'll admit, but I am sure all will agree with me when I say, when we consider the true deffinition, "It is not a passing fancy, for the hand that stamps its kindly acts upon the human heart it leaves an impression, and, as a result, generates a grateful attitude, and the person or persons who show their appreciation by a token doeth bespeak more than tongue can tell or pen can write. But, to say the least, our headwaiter is worthy of the good will of all who know him, especially those who are engaged in the same vocation."

For myself, as a waiter, I have observed a few things in my line, particularly the prestige headwaiters have with their proprietors, and I will say, without fear of successful contradiction, that there is not a headwaiter in the United States who is granted any more personal liberties than Mr. John T. Gilbert. I speak of this on my own responsibility, and it always pleases me to see such things.

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Hotel Windermere News, Chicago.

Mr. Joseph Holdman is the new second waiter at the Windermere. Mr. Charles Perkins is third. Mr. Long, the headwaiter, was handsomely remembered by the guests of the hotel Christmas, receiving $140 as a gift.

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Mr. John Hollingsworth left us on the 9th for Beloit, Wis.

Mr. Aaron Sherdione has gone to the Oliver Hotel, South Bend, Ind.

The Windermere waiters are all treasuring their jobs too much to think of jumping up and running to St. Louis That is right, boys, there will be many a hungry waiter there before the 4th of July for St. Louis is a white man's town. Take my advice and hold on to a good thing, if you have one. There will be a general influx of waiters there from all parts of the South, so you sidewaiters who live this side of the river better pass St. Louis up, especially the Chicago waiters, for winter time is bound to come again, and then St Louis will be forgotten by everybody but the Chicago headwaiters.

Mr. S S. Ash, the Windermere agent for The Freeman, has been on the sick list for the past ten days, but is slowly improving.

Milton Brooks of New York is at the Windermere. Mr. Brooks is inside electrician besides being assistant private man.

It is with profound sorrow that we chronicle the death of our fellow-statesman, politian and ex-waiter, Col. Wm. A. Pledger of Atlanta, Ga. In the death of Col. Pledger the race has lost one of its staunchest advocaters and the Republican party has lost one of its pillows which supported the main Southern column. In his early career Col. Pledger was a hotel waiter, having served a long period in the old H. I. Kimball House at Atlanta, and like many other self-made men he used the waiter's position with advantage as a stepping stone to higher ambitions and fields of usefulness. Col. Pledger was an astute politician who served his party faithful in the days of reconstruction and klu-kluxism, when it tried the soul of a colored man to be a Republican in the South, as he did in the closing days of his earthly career. Colonel Pledger was for many years chairman of the State Republican Committee, which shaped the course and attitude of the Republican machine, and in this respect he had the honor of being the only colored man North or South holding such a position. In the death of Col. Pledger the race loses its last political hero of the reconstruction who stood by their guns faithfully and gallantly to the bitter end without receiving due recognition and compensation from their party. Hero and comrade, peace to your ashes.

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That we can make our lives sublime;
Departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sand of time."

3. The words of each numbered clause and series thus: The people considered; 1, The interest of the country; 2, The best man for the office; 3, How to secure his election.

4. The first word of a direct question thus: What can we do to remedy the evil?

5. The first word of a direct quotation thus: Dr. Booker T. Washington says:

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6. All proper names thus: James,

7. All adjectives derived from proper names thus: The Afro-American citizens; the Yellow Stone National Park.

8. The names of all corporations, organizations, societies, companies and denominations thus: The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, the Pullman Palace Car Co., the A. M. E Conference, the Baptists, the Catholics, United Steel Co., etc.

9. The titles of persons must begin with capitals thus: Colonel John Marshall, General Nelson A. Miles, Captain A. Thomas, Major John C. Buckner, Lawyer Green, Dr. B. T. Bowen.

10. The names of the months, the days of the week, cities, streets and buildings thus: May, June, December, etc., Monday, Wednesday, Sunday, etc. Broad street, State street, etc, the New York World Building, the Smiley Building, the Monon Building, New York City.

11. The regions of a country, but not the directions of a country, thus: The Yellowstone National Park is located in the West, the Sun rises in the East, the Southern States rebelled, the New South, he lives in a Western State, the storm swept through the Eastern States.

12 The name of any particular State or Territory thus: The State of Ohio passed an Anti-Lynching law, the great State of New York, Maryland, a Southern State, recently passed a law which disfranchises 40,000 colored voters, Indian Territory.

13. Every word in the title of books and literary articles, except the preposition and conjunction, thus: "The Waiters' Manual," "The Indianapolis Freeman," Minutes of the Georgia Baptist Association.

14 The names of the Deity and all pronouns relating to Him thus: Cast thy hope in Him who guides the destiny of man, in Him was life, God, Christ, Jesus.

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THE GOVERNOR OF MISSISSIPPI HAS VIEWS.

Governor James K. Vardarman of Mississippi, in his inaugural address before the legislature of that State, last week, made some remarks on the Negro question which, considered from the high source and the prominence of the State owing to its immense Negro population, are worthy of very serious consideration. In fact the address to that State is as important to that State as that of President Roosevelt's is to the country; outlining its policies, etc. It will be useless to treat the matter with contempt or abuse; that the Mississippians have arrived at an understanding is plainly evident and the colored people of that State seem to be in for some pretty rough experiences in the days to come.

The governor intimated that there was a growing tendency to criminally assault white women, giving currency and force to his contention by his position. Purposely he may not have meant to malign the race, but the most casual observer knows that the assertion is careless and brutal in that it seems to have been made with the view of impressing home that quality of the Negro, brutality. There are but a few genuine cases of raping in these days, and at no time has the crime been so frequent as many would have it believed. It's a great pity that a single case of rape could be traced to a Negro, for had it been otherwise the situation would have been relieved of its most damning feature, a ready rallying cry for concentrated opposition whether based on myth or fact.

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We will not fall into the error of trying to read the race's title clear of any of the charges placed against it, pleading only the common law of human frailty, the Negroes being no exception to the rule. If the raping excesses in the purview of criminology, like deflected isothermal lines shot beyond their latitude in by-gone days, the same can not be said to-day. The condition along that line is normal, and not at all alarming, but rather reflective of the race's sobriety in face of the much advertised superiorness of the whites which, according to common business logic, should enhance the desirability.

Governor Vardarman says that the growing tendency of the Negro to commit criminal assault on white women is nothing more or less than the manifestations of the racial desire for equality. Whatever tendency there has been to criminally assault, as we stated, has wonderfully subsided, and for which the governor should give credit rather than making it his piece-de-resistance, the rallying point of hates and prejudices that spring up from a thousand other sources—the play to the galleries.

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Governor Vardarman, in spite of the race's insistence that it does not care a fig for social equality, persists in trying to make out a case against it. The Negroes, we believe we are again safe in saying, do not nurse any such hopes but they do not propose to take their social cue from any such sentiment as set out by Governor Vardarman as though he was the guardian of the morals of the white race. Its up to the individuals of the white race as it is up to the individuals of the Negroes to take care of themselves. Has it ever occurred to Mr. Vardarman that there are white people who do not object to a little social equality? Why not put the embargo on the white race? If the governor did not mean to illumine his inaugural address with such a delightful subject he shouldn't have done so. He is so decidedly and pronouncedly one sided that, like an overdose of poison, he is his own antidote; every one knows what to expect of him; he is rabid anti-Negro and a governor. Proclamations will not hinder social equality if the thing is greatly desired; stone walls are but temporary embarrassments to determined love when it comes to that phase of the situation.

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While we advise against doing those things that excite feelings, yet it is no more our duty than that of the whites; all of the fault could not be on one side. The black man will not marry the white woman unless she says so, and in event she says yes, it is no crime. The Negro a beast theory has had much to do with the feeling that marriages between whites and blacks are unnatural unions, but it seems to be simply a matter of opinion.

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We must admit that many colored people do betray a fondness for the whites which they generally hold in abeyance, and which is called forth by the least encouragement, but without which encouragement it is seldom manifested; it goes to say that Negroes have sometimes been encouraged. Finally we will say that the question is the most dangerous one now before the American people. Civil disqualifications and political emasculations are simply the outer posts that lead up to the citadel—social equality, and which have been strengthened to stay the "pilgrimage" to the "Great Desideratum." But in the movement (?) is recognized the higher law, that of human destiny that cannot be defeated or thwarted except for a little while; like truth,

"The eternal years of God are hers."

It would be folly to attempt to contravene it; it is that logical sequence as the shadow to the light; so allied to fate that it stands for fatality. What may be the end is beyond the ken of man, but we know almost as certain as we do, that what is, is, that what will be, will be. having in mind the magnitude of the question, the trend of which resembles that of fate.

MR. MORRIS ON SHAMS.

Mr. E. H. Morris of Chicago, who has also been East, where he delivered himself of a "sermon" on shams. The very interesting performance took place in Washington, D. C., amid a galaxy of big men, who gathered for the purpose of listening to the oracle. Mr. Morris chose Booker T. Washington by way of exemplification as the veriest of shams when he might have chosen himself as well and been a fitter illustration of the subject in hand.

In his criticism of Mr. Washington, Mr. Morris appeals to the vanity and fool hardiness of his people who have inflated ideas of life and do not want to know any better. The common sense education and the common sense views of life as taught by Mr. Washington have not been expected or wanted by many in whom yet reside the too curious element of the red rag variety, the irresistible desire to appear grandiose, supposing it to be strength, but which really is weakness—a sham. Mr. Morris has the thing reversed like many of the race who feel that to shine is all of it, and it is much of it; but to think of the posing and attitudinizing without the necessary financial support; it is a most shameful sham.

The colored race needs men like Washington and none too many Morrises, but Washingtons who regard the race as it is to day and not as it thinks it is or as it would like to be; he prescribes, like any sensible physician, a remedy for the present case; the medicine may not be so palatable, but that is not what it is intended for; it is to go down. In our judgment Mr. Washington has not uttered a single proposition on the race question but what could be fully indorsed by thoughtful men.

HAITI, SAYS BISHOP SMITH.

Bishop C. S. Smith of the A. M. E. Church who has recently returned from Haiti, says that the island is the place for the colored people; twenty thousand can settle there at once. Haiti is capable of sustaining ten millions of people instead of the one million there now according to the bishop, who also says that the revolutionary spirit is subsiding in the interest of peace. The Negroes have always had a kindly feeling for Haiti, regarding it a possible garden spot of the world; they have pointed to it in the past with pardonable pride as a successful example of Negroes at statecraft and government with its Toussaint L'Ouverture. But true to its environment Haiti has remained seismic and disturbing regardless of the bishop's observation along the lines of peace. Haiti is a magnificent country and which should be populous and busy as a bee hive in June. It is very likely that many of the colored people of the United States would view Haiti as a probable future home if it were not for the habit it has of disposing of rulers ad lib.

We do not feel able to read the Recorder a lecture, but we think it dead wrong in making the assertion that it is against H B. Smith for county chairman because he is opposed to black men. True enough Mr. Smith did have some difficulty concerning military affairs, such as any other white man similarly placed might have had. The Recorder, perhaps, did not understand the nature of the quarrel, and if it did we doubt the propriety of keeping up the fight—"Let the cat die;" that's what the children say; it's no bad idea, and especially for us—the colored race. Besides, there is a time to punish Mr. Smith in event he fails to do the proper thing, and at the time when he will know but very little about it. Not that we stand for Smith, but it is obviously unfair to work in the race on a matter it doesn't know a thing about as the rule. It is quite time to quit trying to punish people in the name of the race,

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The property held by the True Reformers is estimated at $400,000, which by far is greater than the holdings of any other concern in the country managed by Negroes. Indianapolis, it is said, will soon be favored with a building by the order, which has excellent structures in Washington, Richmond, Baltimore, Norfolk, St. Louis, Roanoke, Cincinnati, Louisville and Danville.

The "Bee" of Washington, D. C., is not quite as select in its language as it might be when it says that the Governor of Mississippi is a liar when he asserts that the educated Negroes are becoming more criminal. The governor's statement we do not think is borne out by facts, but it is not necessary to fight him on the proposition.

Among the number of colored delegates attending the Miners' Convention held in this city last week and a part of the present week was Mr. W. J. Campbell of Central, Ky., who has been to the city a number of times in that capacity; he is a prominent official in the union, disbursing many thousands of dollars yearly in its interest.

Bishop Abraham Grant of the A. M. E. Church was the victim of the ice and snow recently in Detroit, Mich., where he fell and fractured a knee; he is improving nicely at this time.

It is no travesty on the race to say that it has had far too extravagant notions of life; but the notions are rapidly changing, and for which many thanks are due Booker T. Washington.

The "Torch Light" of Danville, Ky., informs the legislature of that State that votes cannot be bought without purchasers. Aint it the truth?

The first reception of the Crispus Attucks Relief Association of Washington, D C, was held in that city Jan. 15. "Everybody was there."

Mr. E H. Morris is a sharp, pungent talker and of excellent wit; it is a pity he wastes it on Mr Washington.

Mr. Vardarman evidently does not believe in a government for the people; but for a part of the people.

Let us see—John G. Whittier wrote Snow Bound; it was such another day as Tuesday morning.

Joseph E. Lee, colored, presided over the State Republican Convention of Florida last week.

The bottom of the coal bin has been sighted.

The Freeman appreciates the Second Annual Report of the colored Y. M. C. A. of Atlanta, Ga.

The Planet Hotel was the headquarters of the colored miners during their convention.

They are all concluding that Roosevelt is pretty good sort of a fellow after all.

Encourage colored men in business.

News has reached us of the death at Indianapolis, Ind., a few days ago, of Will Harris, one of the brightest and best newspaper men in the West. He was at one time employed on the Enterprise, and has frequently contributed to our columns. Journalism has lost a bright star in his passing.—Omaha, Neb., Enterprise.

LOST RELATIVE.

I wish to know the whereabouts of Willie P. Sims. When last heard from he was in St Louis, Mo. Any information regarding him will be thankfully received by a relative of his. Miss Marion Bell, Nakush, B C.

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Our revival service closed last night, we having had fifty-five accessions and forty-one conversions as a result of the three weeks' meeting. The Rev. Chas. Hunter conducted the services this week. Rev. H. E. Stewart will preach to-morrow morning. The field agent of the Anti-Saloon League will preach to-morrow night.

SIMPSON CHAPEL NOTES.

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Many convicted to be hanged and to the pen for life have been pardoned in a short time by this gifted Medium. Many women and men who could not live in their homes on account of their disagreeable husbands and wives have returned and now are doing well. Many young ladies and gents who have been led astray on account of the devil's work, are now better than ever. Many who have spent all their money going into business and have lost on account of evil work, have gained it back and are now happy and have a great trade. Many who pretended to be great friends to you in a deceitful way, Dr. Robertson has found them evil. Many who fought for justice, such as property, divorces, etc., and lost, have gained their rights by this great Medium power. Many mediums, spiritualists, fortune tellers, etc., who have taken money from them and did no good, are now receiving justice and their devil's work is being broken up. Many who have sprinkled powder, burned candles and buried bundles against you have no more power. Dr. Robertson breaks up conjurations as he goes. Many who were about to die from spells, old sores, poison, witchcraft and conjuration were saved by this mighty healer. Many who have carried news against you to cause trouble have stopped and can not carry any more. Many who got between a happy family have got on their knees and begged pardon by this gifted man's power. Many men who have left their homes naked and many women who forsook their husbands have reformed and are now happy. Dr. Robertson's works were brought from Richmond, Va. Many who tried to save money and spent every dime that they made have now a large bank account and property. Dr. Robertson chains down your enemies so that they will never reach you in life. He sleeps in his dark room in a dead trance and looks into your pathway as if it were made of glass and catches what is for your good or bad and sends it up on his spiritual table and sends it by mail. He unlocks your door of wealth, happiness and peace. The spirit of God guides him. See him now and your troubles will end; it was proven at the Spiritual Hall No 321, Camp Street, Jan. 6th, 1904 that only five men in the world could do the work that he does and no women.

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To whom it may concern: This is to certify that Dr. Robertson is true. I was in my bed afflicted for months could not raise up my hand until I heard of Dr. Robertson. I sent for him immediately. He came to my home and told me what was the matter, also cured me sound with his spiritual power. I am excited from gladness. Rev O F Clinton, Jackson, Miss.

To the public in general: Allow me to express what Dr. H W. Robertson has done for me. I was sick for five years and my husband was nearly crazy from a spell that he had for fifteen years and we could not succeed in anything until I tried this gifted medium and he removed the spells and sickness entirely; now we are happy indeed. We would like to have him to live in our city. Very respectfully, Mrs. I. V. Normau, No 1123 Tchoupitoulas street, New Orleans La.

Dear Friends: This is to certify that Dr Henrygoldsea W. Robertson can help the needy. My husband was so cross when he would come to the house I could not stay inside. He kept drunk for years, but after a friend of mine advised me to see Doctor Robertson. I took her advice and to-day we have our own home and a large farm. He is a powerful man. Levy Myles, Vickburg, Miss.

Dr. H W. Robertson: Dear Friend—I received the last medicine that you sent me and after using it three days I felt as a new woman; all swelling left and the other matter is settled. I am, yours truly, J. J. Holland, Mobile, Ala.

This is to certify that Dr. Robertson is great. I had been fighting for my bounties so long until I thought there was no hope, but after reading of his wonders, I gave him a trial and I got my money and have settled up all debts and are in a pretty cottage of my own. May God bless him forever. D H. Hunt, Chicago, Ill.

Dr. H. W. Robertson: Dear Sir—Allow me to thank you for your kindness. I have gained my property back and the woman who caused the trouble between my husband and I have left the town and he is now better than ever. You will always have my best wishes for success. Mrs. L. E Jackson, Beaumont, Texas.

Dear Dr Robertson: Only a few words to thank you kindly for what you did for me. The parties who stole my clothes and jewelry brought them back and put them at my gate. It is a talk for the town. You are true in your works. Respectfully, G. Cinclare, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Dr. Robertson: Dear Sir—After you removed the evil spirits from our home and gave us the lucky charm we succeeded in getting the hidden treasure. Now we are leaving to live in another state and will always picture you in our memory. From R. A. and H. Penn, Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Friends: This is to certify that Dr Robertson is true in what he says. I have lost my job for three months, did not have money to support my wife and family after consulting Dr. Robertson and he told me that witchcraft was the cause and worked his spiritual power for me. I am now doing well and have more work than I can really do. Also I and my friends have got him to decide to live in our city. I am yours respectfully, M R Hills, Dallas, Texas.

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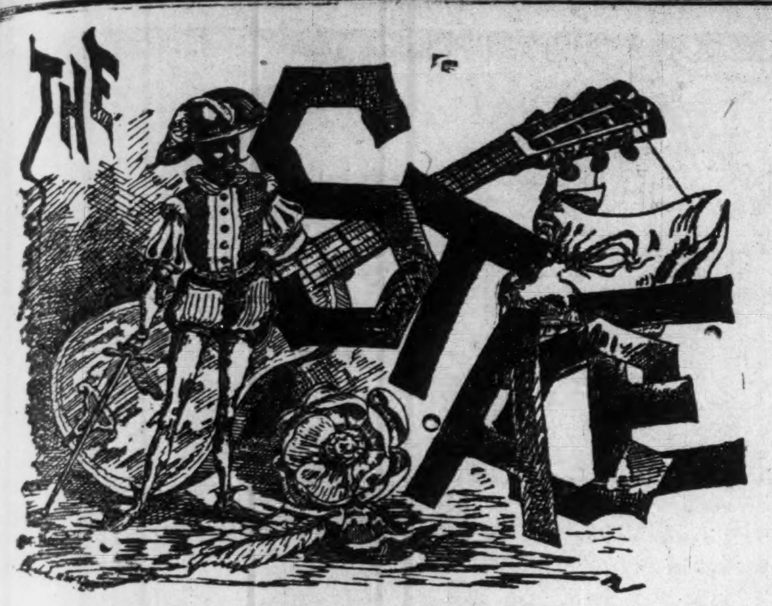

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NASHVILLE STUDENTS P. G. LOWERY—Galena, Kan., Feb. 1; Weir City, 2; Girard, 3; Chaunte, 4; Fredonia, 5; Howard, 6; Eureka, 7-8; Madison, 9.

CULLIGAN'S Alabama Minstrels —Leaigh, Neb. Feb. 1; Howell, 2; Dodge, 3.

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Mrs Annie A. Thomas, professionally known as Annie Asbury, died at her home, 152 West Twenty-seventh street, New York, January 19.

Mr. Joseph Pleasant, tuba soloist with the Mahara Minstrel, will wed a beautiful St Louis lady April 12 As she is very wealthy the members of the band has decided to give them a surprise party, and the band will play: "I Wonder What's That Coon's Game?"

Prof. J T. W. Syms, of Duluth, Minn., wishes to hear from J. Baker, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Dick Weston, Reese Brothers, formerly of Williams & Walker's Co, Dixon, tenor singer of Richard & Pringle's Co, and Billy Miller, of Alexander Brothers' Minstrel. Address 200 Railroad street.

The Booker T Washington Club, of Haverhill, Mass., is becoming quite popular. Wm. Mobley and Paris R. Bartley are its executive officers. Chas. Diggs, John Collins, James and Wm. Davis are a few of its popular members. A. B Richardson, a retired professional guitarist, is steward. Bob Armstrong and Sylvester Russell were recent guests of the club. Mr. Armstrong states that he will train Jack Monroe for his contest with Sharkey.

Blind Tom, after having died and been buried, is resurrected and appearing as the "headliner" of the vaudeville program at the Circle theatre in New York last week. He is performing all sorts of difficult music on the piano which no one but a genius could play without years of training. The management of the theatre announces his first professional engagement "after several years of retirement"

Saint Suttle has just completed a two act comedy for L. E. Gideon, of the famous Gideon's Minstrel, who will produce it the rest of this and next season. The name of the play is: "A Georgia Camp Meeting," and looks like a winner from all reports. Mr. Suttle has also written new songs for his play, among them "Ma Mobele Queen, She's Ready Money," "The Black American Girl" and "I Would Like to Correspond With You," and a number of others. Mr. Suttle is still on the vaudeville list, and doing nicely. Regards to all friends.

Notes of the Original Nashville Students —We are enjoying life in Missouri and Arkansas, and business continues to be good despite the bad weather. Our band gives a noon concert that pleases all, and proves to be a credit to any colored organization. Our performers are wining a reputation that will be beneficial to us, and a credit to the race. John W. Carson has been appointed assistant stage manager, and will do his utmost to make it pleasant for the entire company. The following is the roster, with but one change: Messrs Hathaway, Baker, P. G. Lowery, Sam Lucas, Thomas May, George McDade, John L. Jones, Pearl Moping, James B. Hall, Wm. May and Sam Elliott. The entire company send regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

Notes of Black Patti Troubadours — The company, en route through Indian Territory, has been playing to capacity houses. The mattinee Saturday afternoon at Hot Springs, Ark., and the night of the 19th at S McAlister was a terrific crush of women. At 6:30 p. m S. R. O., was being sold, and at 7 p. m., a woman's riot occurred. No more S. R. O, tickets could be sold and an officer was called to clear the lobby, as the crowd continued to increase. Many speculators had exhausted their supply of tickets, and, regardless of the warning that no tickets would be honored, the purchasers of same swarmed to the doors and demanded admittance; force won and they succeeded in entering. The officers tried in vain to clear the lobby, the assistant treasurer called for the reserves, and only after a ten minute battle could the pressing crowd be induced to leave. For such a crush to occur after the heavy holiday business was a great surprise. The management realizing over $3,500 gross on the three days engagement.

The 21st Sergeants Bailey, McCoy and Bowens, of companies H, G and E of the Twenty-fifth U. S. Infantry, escorted Billy Ward through Ft. Reno, six miles from El Reno, where they have been stationed for over one year, since their return from the Phillipine Islands. The trip was heartily appreciated by the Freeman's correspondent.

BILLY KERSANDS' SUCCESSOR.

BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

There is nothing in the world like counting on a young chicken when you hatch it yourself. As it develops to be a young rooster it is naturally proud when it crows early. He strains his little wind pipe. He is only imitating the older roosters, but his tender years renders him too young to fight. He does'nt have to fight, but he manifests much interest when he sees the older rooster fight. He is anxious. He knows there are but two decisions in the fight—one must give up and run like a coward or die, and one must win the fight. In the event of the home rooster getting timmed the younger rooster must take to its heels and fly also.

The announcement that Rusco & Holland will star young Billy Kersands falls like music on our ears. Its the sweetest tune that ever was sung in ragtime. There is only one living Billy Kersands, and to have his successor perched on a high pedestal of false fame right over his head while he is still alive is a "dead cinch," and the most amusing incident that could ever occur to boom his business in the South and West.

Why the people of the new generation will be more eager than ever to see the original Billy, just to size up the younger one. Kersands has no offsprings, how discouraging, not even an adopted son to give to the amusement world a genuine delegate to grow up behind the man who stole his famous fathers name Perhaps it would be wise for Kersands to adopt a son at once and place him in his own company. I should suggest (pardon me for this suggestion) a young boy soprano to sing on the first part of his minstrel show would do very nicely if highly advertised.

If Richard & Pringle were alive and could consult Chas B. Hicks, who is also dead, what a mock funeral there would be on the opening night at the death scene of a young chicken without wings trying to fly over the heads of Powell, Dudley and other older roosters; missing the perch and falling to the ground with a sickening thud, all for the want of wings like the older fowls. One thing is sure, if this new young man is to be Billy Kersands he must imitate the man who spent his life making his own hard earned reputation If he fails to do this he will be a lost one If he proves to be a clever performer the quicker he changes his name and jumps out of the traces into new harness the better off he will be. But let us give the young man some advice. "Dress in snowy white clothes, wear "high-tide" pants, ruffled at the bottom, wear ruffles on your coat also; do not wear underpants, as they will wrinkle your nicely creased white outside pants —unless you can afford to have your washing done as often as Billy Kersands. If you are not good looking like young Clarence Powell or old Kersands, change your face. If your mouth is not as big as their's, smear red paint around your lips three inches thick and two inches long. If your teeth are bad, have all gold ones put in. Have all these things charged up to your generous, rich manager."

If these two great minstrel shows should ever happen to clash in some quaint old Southern town and the two Kersands should meet face to face in some colored gin mill what a meeting that would be. What a house warming. The wonderment of the white people on the outside would naturally cause them to inquire: "What manner of earthly twins are these?" Some good old colored brother would, no doubt, answer, "One of dese actors come up thro' great tribilation, but the youngest one, a white man fetched him up."

Kersands' minstrel bills will read: "The original and only Billy Kersands; P. S., I have no children."

Rusco & Holland's bills will read "Young Billy Kersands, the youngest and greatest; P. S., he is the adopted son of a rich white manager. Are you on?"

This will about end the first edition of a series of the most startling newspaper minstrel prize fights that every took place on the pike. This farce may be continued, but its continuation depends upon the dimensions of the challenge by the men who promise the fight.

Dallas News.

Dallas, Texas, Special.—Rev. Cooper, at Ezvening Chapel C. M. E. Church, has closed his revival, and the members and friends have begun a financial rally to raise $1,000 for the new church.—Mrs. V. D. Vavison, of Ft. Worth, spent several days here the past week on business.—Elihu Derrett made a flying trip to the Panther City and returned last week.—Rev. Cavines is having quite a success in his revival at St. Paul M. E. Church.

It is said that a man is not a man if he did not pay his poll tax so that he can exercise his rights in the various elections that are to be held this year. We note that too many of that class of ward-healers and jim-crow politicians are bobing up just now, owing to the coming spring election for the loyal good tax paying citizens of Dallas. There will be something doing to let some of them know that all the pie counters are not in Dallas just before election time, and that they must find other fields of labor to get soft snaps. It is said tnat one or two have walked here, and it should he carefully looked into that they be returned before they do much harm to the race and tax payers.

This is a good place for a first class milliner in Dallas, one that can teach others the trade. The colored business men here are all doing fairly well; they should do more advertising, it is the best way to reach the reading public.—The courts are yet full of law breakers, The law abiding citizens are never in court —The various K. of P. lodges of the city are arranging a reception for the various lady courts, to take place soon.—Griffin's new business card is greatly in demand.—Call and get The Freeman every week, 105 Central avenue.—Many social functions are booked for the near future among the young people.

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Austin's Enterprising Citizens.

Austin, Texas, Special.—It has been quite a while since an article appeared in the Negro's greatest paper from the Capitol City of the Loan Star State. The people here, I suppose, are about the same in other cities. Some are in business enterprise, some are working, some are contented to loafe and hang around here and there. It would be superfluous for me to go into a discussion on the latter characters, but will say that it is a shame to see so many young men of this age give such little attention to patronizing their own race in their enterprises. In presenting The Freeman to the above characters they say: "I am taking two or three papers now, and I have not time to read any more." On making inquiry as to the papers they are reading I want you to bear in mind that neither are from the brains of his own race, though we have some industrious and race loving Negroes here who are always ready to lend a helping hand to forward a good work of their race to success. We here furnish a list of a few subscribers and a few others who have promised to subscribe in the near future, and who are also ready every Saturday to purchase a copy of the greatest Negro paper; there names is as follows: Messrs George Manning, Tom Walker, D. A. Middleton, A. Rysinger, D. A. Berry, A. Dewitty, L. W. Franklin and others. Mr. Rysinger is engaged in the shoe repairing business and is doing a good work. Mr. D. I. Berry should not be overlooked in speaking of race men in the true sense, for he seems to have his race at heart. Mrs Addie Rysinger has charge of the millinery store and her customers are well pleased, which tends to speak well for her qualifications as a milliner.

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We have one colored drug store, conducted and owned by J. J. Jenning & Co.—Prof. Broyles was in the city a few days ago on business.—We have two fine institutions of learning in our city, Sam Huston and Tillotson Colleges.—The Freeman can be found every Saturday at L W. Franklin's barber show, 209 West Sixth street.

Columbia Notes.

Columbia, Tenn., Special.—The Star Musical Club made its annual appearance Thursday night, January 14, at the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church and rendered a very excellent program.—Mrs. Sarah Hughes continues ill.—The Y. M. C. A., is doing much toward the uplifting of the young men of our city. The attendance continues to increase each week. All the young men of Columbia are cordially invited to attend the association which meets every Tuesday night at the Mt. Baptist Church.

A juvenile concert will be given at St. Paul A. M. E. Church soon.—The colored public school has organized a choral class in addition to the choir.—George White, the popular merchant, has retired from the grocery business, and has gone into the furniture business. You can find him at the same old stand.—Get in line with The Freeman's many readers here. Mrs. Mary Hampton, of Louisville, is visiting friends here.—Mrs. Martha Bradshaw died last week at her home on North Glade street. Funeral services took place Saturday at the White Spring Baptist Church. Revs. Chas. Morgan and C. A. Ward officiating.

The death of Mrs. Minnie Hassel, formerly a teacher of the public school of this city, was a shock to the community.—The baby of Mrs. Sallie Jones died Sunday, January 17.—Subscribe for The Freeman.

Windy City Items.

Chicago, Ill., Special.—The A. M. E. Church, 5539 Jefferson avenue, has an excellent preacher in the person of Elder Higgins, who has had charge since September 29. During this time he has built up the congregation, and the church is now crowded at each service. Literary meets every Friday evening.—Miss Ida Marshall was married to W. E. Franks Wednesday evening, January 12. They are at home to friends 5556 Lake avenue.

Oates & Johnson, whose tailor shop was destroyed by fire December 24, are now doing business at Lake avenue and Fifty fifty street.—G. Ramie has returned from the East. He is at the Delforado.—William Foster has resigned head bellmanship at the Hotel Windermere. George Speer, late of the Chicago Beach, succeeds him. Mr. Foster left for Cleveland.

Headwaiter Early, of the Vendome hotel, has resigned. Mr. Silvery takes his place.—The ladies of Hyde Park, met at the residence of Rev. Higgins Monday evening and organized a Home Missionary Society — The Freeman can be found every Saturday at room A, Hotel Windermere.

Gathered to Rest.

Newport News, Va., Special.—The parsonage of the Second Baptist Church is in mourning over the death of Mrs. Annie Chiles, who departed this life on the 21st. Mrs. Chiles was well advanced in age, but hers was a life filled out with good works and words for her fellow men. She moved among her friends and neighbore with a quiet, Christian piety that was a constant reminder of a higher life, and yet the death she died was more instructive than the life she lived. Mrs. Chiles blessed the world in her children as well as in her daily life. Her son, Rev. H. W. Chiles, D. D., with whom she resided, and Rev. Chiles, of Philadelphia, and several daughters, all prominent, mourn her departure.

Church Notes.

Baton, Rouge, La., Special.—Rev. George Bird, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church, returned from Virginia where he visited relatives.—Rev. Samuel Williams has finished his new church, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church No. 2. It is a fine structure.—Rev. Joe Foster has commenced the new Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, which will cost about $3,000.—The Shiloh Baptist Church members held their rally the 17th for the benefit of the building fund.—The Baton Rouge Auxiliary Charitable Association is doing a good work among the poor in the city, under the leadership of Rev. J. W. Washington, president; and D. I. S. Bostock.—The academy is flourishing under J. S. Clark, principle.

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Junction Gleanings.

Dodge, Ky., Special.—Sam Powers, injured recently by the railroad, is out again. —Messrs Cal Vivian and Moses Shepherd reports a pleasent trip to Ruckerville, Ky. —Miss Florence Powers and Beulah Tuttle were present at the Epworth League last Sunday, and rendered choice selections that were well received.—James Willis was in Mt. Sterling, Ky., last week, visiting friends. —Mrs. Malinda Daniel is out again.—The public installation of the S. M. T.'s at their hall was quite instructive.—Mrs. Eliza A. Thomas deserves credit for efficient service. —Dillard Hampton was summoned to the bedside of his sick daughter at Winchester last week.—Mrs. Battie is on the sick list.—Willie Thomas returned last week from Lexington, Ky.

Notes of Interest.

Kansas City, Mo., Special.—With the New Year comes many changes; some change their name, others their age and numerous resolutions are in vogue. Let us resolve to purchase The Freeman from Arthur Green, the agent, now at the Coates House. Among my new customers are Secretary Fisher and President Ben McRay, of the Waiter's Club; John Bates, of the Ninth Street Club; Mr. Long, of the Coates, is an admirer of good literature, hence he reads Dickens, Longfellow, Shakespeare and Knox's The Freeman. How can he help out keep up to date.—John Marshall, late of the Baltimore, resigned his position recently, Mr. McKnight, his former second, succeeded him.

Waco Dots.

Waco, Texas, Special.—The Colored American hall, 113½ Bridge street, is the novelty of all entertainments now-a-days.—The only show talked of in Waco is the Smart Set Co. Everybody wants make a return date.—Remember, to get The Freeman you must come and come early, 122 North Sixth street.—Mrs. Rev. Smith preached to a small congregation at the Mission A. M. E. Church, Eighth street, Sunday night. Discourse very interesting; collection $5.30.

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THE LOUISVILLE MEDICAL COLLEGE

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By Our Special Staff Correspondent.

The death of Colonel William A. Pledger removes from earthly activities the most picturesque figure in the political and fraternity life known to this generation. Though moving in and influencing generations almost beyond the memory of the younger men of to-day, he kept closely in touch with the best thought of every decade, identifying himself with every effort designed for the intellectual and economic uplift of the race, and made himself so thoroughly a part of each sphere of popular endeavor that his age was rarely ever taken into serious consideration. With young men and old men, prelate or politician, the eminent or the humble, he was equally at home, and was loved and honored alike by all. By instinct and training he was essentially a man of the people, and born to the leadership that was universally conceded him. Colonel Pledger was one of the last links between the old school and the new. He was a contemporary of Douglass, Bruce. Cuney, Langston, Hill and Price, of recent memory, and up to the hour of his death the devoted ally and co-worker with Washington, Walters, Lyons, Lewis, Dancy, Napier, Adams and Fortune, the constructive forces of this modern era. He was among the last of the type of fine, old Southern gentlemen, natural courtiers and chivalrous souls, still so faithfully represented by Pinchback, Gibbs and Smalls. There are but few of them left—more's the pity.

To do justice to the unique career of Colonel Pledger, a book of vast proportions would be necessary. Let it suffice, for our purpose here was to set in evidence, that he was intensely loyal in his friendships, firm in his convictions, sagacious in his judgment of issues and "isms," true to every cause he deemed it proper to espouse, and was invariably found fighting valiantly and determinedly upon the right side of the questions of the times. He possessed moral courage of the most rugged fiber. He was his own man, and was afraid of nothing when his heart beat approvingly of his position. He never measured the extent of a sacrifice to his personal interests or ambitions when the higher interests of his people were in the balance. He was always willing to stand up and be counted, refusing at many critical stages in history to—

"Bend the pregnant hinges of the
knee,
That thrift might follow fawning."

His nature was too noble to betray a trust, and he endured criticism and abuse rather than raise the white flag of explanation and apology, or "trim his sails to catch the popular breeze." Weighed in the scales of material acquisition and political prestige, Col. Pledger's later life may have disclosed much of disappointment. Success did not uniformly crown his labors, nor did he receive that meed of appreciation that he had so richly earned—but, despite this, there is nothing of record that he ever faltered or that his courage grew less sturdy under the difficulties that beset his pathway to his cherished goals. William A. Pledger the mortal is no more, but his spirit, breathing manhood, integrity, and lofty striving, abideth with this grateful people, to sweeten and illumine our lives forevermore. The Negro race and the whole nation are poorer for the leave-taking of Georgia's distinguished son.

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 1, 1904.

Nothing in recent years in Kentucky's enterprising metropolis has so effectually demonstrated the capacity of the race to provide sources for the education of its young people for useful profession than the incorporation last week of the Louisville National Medical College Company, together with the broadening and enlargement of the scope of the college itself, and the auxiliary hospital service. The incorporators of this new and mammoth undertaking are Drs. William A. Burney and W. O. Vance, of New Albany, Ind., and Dr. Sarah H. Fitzbutler, of Louisville. The capital stock is placed at $12,000, divided into shares of $25.00 each. The three principals carry eighty-four shares each, and the remainder is being rapidly taken up by substantial citizens who have unlimited faith in the future of the institution. The charter is practically perpetual. To every one familiar at all with the professional history of the Negro, the Louisville National Medical College proper is no new venture. Sixteen years ago it became an integral part of the organic law of the State of Kentucky, by act of the General Assembly, and since that time it has weathered all storms and gales with rare success, and now presents itself as a ripened, seasoned, and standard establishment for the instruction of colored men and women in conformity with the requirements of the State boards of health throughout the United States. It is also affiliated with the State university as the medical department of Dr. Purce's thriving institution of learning. This college is the only medical school in the world that is managed entirely by colored men, and it is a crucial test of the ability of the race to successfully direct such an enterprise. Two large and commodious brick buildings in the heart of the city, entirely paid for, stand as monuments to the unselfish and heroic sacrifices o fthe founders—Fitzbutler, Burney, Conrad and Vance. Approximately one hundred graduates, happily located and enjoying a lucrative practice in various sections of the country, are witnesses to the efficiency and thoroughness of the training bestowed by the school.

The new departure and signal improvement marked by the reorganization of the Louisville National Medical College Company is the purchase of the splendid building at the corner of First and Chestnut streets for use as a hospital, dispensary and training school for nurses. The structure is two stories in height, is in excellent repair, and has a depth of nearly one hundred feet. It is worth fully ten thousand dollars, and is regarded by the profession generally as a most advantageuos investment. To the east of the college, 112 West Green street, is a large lot owned by the corporation. To this site the hospital will be moved shortly. The vicinity is an especially convenient one for clinical work, and the equipment for emergency service, as well as for every variety of surgical operations, afford the students superior opportunities for practical experience in the calling they have elected to pursue. The college and hospital will give new zest to the professional energies of Louisville, and will prove to be of incalculable benefit to both the matriculants and the people of the great Middle West. The executive officers are, C. L. Purce, president; W. A. Burney, dean; E. S. Porter, associate dean; W. O. Vance, treasurer; J. Henry Fitzbutler, secretary. The Board of Regents is composed of Rev. D. G. Gaddie, chancellor; Bishop G. W. Clinton, W. H. Steward and Bishop Evans Tyree. Of the alumni association, C. W. Houser is president, and J. J. C. McKinley is corresponding secretary.

The presentation before the Supreme Court of the United States of the case of Jackson W. Giles against the election registrars of the State of Alabama a few days ago, by Aattorney Wilford H. Smith, is considered by the best authorities to have been an unusually able and exhaustive effort. In a plea that was courteous and dignified, yet strong, incisive, thorough and convincing, Mr. Smith tore into shreds every vestige of justification set up by the defense for the absurd, unAmerican and unconstitutional constitutions that refuse to accord the equality of suffrage guaranteed under the Fifteenth Amendment. The wisest jurists agree that this burning issue has been placed squarely before the nation's most august tribunal in flawless form, and that a decision may be expected that will mark an epoch in the legal history of the land and prove to be of far-reaching effect upon the destiny of the Negro race, especially throughout the South. Mr. Smith is to be congratulated upon his capable services in connection with this difficult cause, and Mr. Giles is likewise entitled to commendation for the tenacity and courage he has displayed in arousing the public mind to the nauseating abuses of the franchise in Alabama. Through manly protest, vigorous action, personal worth and systematic education of the conscience of the ruling classes, redress for these wrongs must be sought. The Supreme Court of the United States, by upholding the organic law, has now a golden opportunity to exert a mighty influence toward checking the perversion of legislation that is threatening the foundation of our beloved republic.

The political phase of Mr. Carnegie's Armstrong Association has been unduly magnified to suit the purposes of a class of carpers who seem to think they see a chance to embarrass some of his colored friends by saddling upon them the responsibility for the sentiments expressed. Mr. Carnegie's opinion of the value of political measures as a solvent for the race problem is his own business, and he can doubtless elaborate his reasons for the faith that is within him if called upon to do so. It is barely possible that there are many other very earnest and conscientious members of both races who despair of making purely political or partisan legislation do the remedial work that belongs so largely to the domain of education, religions, industry and accumulated substance. We can and ought to heartily appreciate Mr. Carnegie's high estimate of the Negro's part in the economic development of the country, and it is with that particular portion of his address that the level-headed thinkers of the race are most deeply concerned. To take complimentary notice of our vast productive worth at cotton-growers is as legitimate and gratifying to our pride of race as the famous message from the battle field that "the colored troops fought nobly," and the campaign truism that wherever the black man has been free to exercise the privileges of the ballot, his vote has always been upon the right side of every great moral question. It is a crying shame, and wholly unworthy of us, that so-called intelligent men can not discuss a simple proposition in commenrce and industry without lugging in a political issue entirely foreign to the point meant to be impressed.

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The tendency of the labor situation to-day is strongly toward the open shop.

When will the literary bureau of the Pen and Pencil Club commence operations.

The logic of the situation points with compelling force to Roosevelt and Fairbanks.

Color and hair are poor passports to acceptability when character and culture are available.

The National Afro-American Council represents the body and soul of the suffrage movement.

Tuskegee's worst critics are people who have never been to that magic city among the picturesque hills of Alabama.

Books contain valuable suggestions, and point the way to the goal, but it takes plain, old-fashioned hustling and mother wit to get there.

A man who is reviled to-day and praised to-morrow is seldom a changed man. He is simply better understood by those who essay to sit in judgment.

Mind your own business. If there is one nuisance more detestable than another it is the chronic meddler, tattler, and purveyor of scandalous gossip.

Mrs. Della S. Vance, assistant principal of Scribner High School, New Albany, Ind., is a graduate of the Louisville National Medical College, class of '97.

Perhaps the esteemed Christian Recorder is not aware that serious charges are being publicly preferred against high officials of the A. M. E. church.

The question of the election of a Negro bishop for the Protestant Episcopal church will be presented to the General Conference of that church in Boston this year.

A section that is intolerant of free speech, a free press and honest public sentiment is doomed to moral and mental stagnation. That is what is the matter with the South.

When the South injures the Negro, it injures itself, whether the outrage touches our suffrage, transportation, industry, commerce or personal safety. More and more is the South made to realize that

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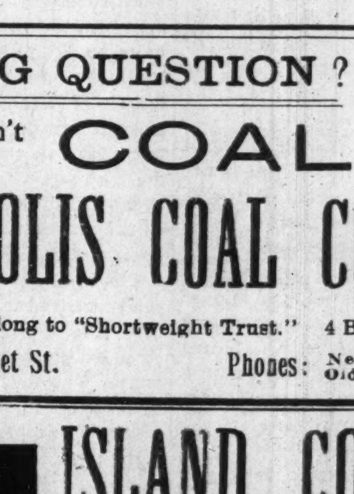

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Professional manipulators of the Negro's woes, for the sake of the graft there is in the business, are on the tobogan, and every honest black man is helping with the grease can to accelerate their speed toward the bottom of the course.

Henry Watterson is rated as one of the most briliant journalists in the country, but there are two subjects which cause his luminous intellect to careen very near the shades of stygian darkness. These are the race problem and the Panama canal.

John Edward Bruce is "lining 'em out" in old-time form. There's nothing like a regular salary and three meals per to make a man see the world on its bright side and to regard life as "one grand,sweet song." Keep it up, Bruce. We are camping on your trail.

Strong characters succeed in spite of the obstacles that are thrown in their way. They demonsttrate that it is wisest in the final analysis for a man to conceive his life on right lines and live in accord with the dictates of his own conscience. There is reward for fidelity to truth, though it may seem slow in coming.

Judge Robert H. Terrell, of Washington, was orator of the day at the emancipation celebration of the citizens of Jacksonville, Fla., and he made a fine speech. Of course we were not there, but we know his speech was of the gilt-edged variety—for, forsooth, he doesn't make any other kind.

With some very pretentious national newspapers, economy means the skipping of an issue. It is very expensive economy, however, that cheats the advertiser and the subscriber at one sweep, and shakes popular confidence in the paper's reliability, if not in its solvency. Regularity is to a journal what virtue is to a woman.

Dr. Horace Bumstead, president of Atlanta University, has publicly recorded himself as favorable to the dual system of education—the training of both head and hand, the development of both the profession man and the artisan, rightly holding that the productive labor of one supplements and vitalizes the culture of the other. Dr. Bumstead sees farther ahead than some other advocates of the higher education, and they would do well to sit at his feet and absorb a bit of his wisdom.

R. W. THOMPSON.

THE SPORT

The legal proceedings in New York for the control of Wallace Hicks, the Negro jockey, were decided in favor of Alphonse J. Plicque, a New Orleans trainer and horse owner, to whom Hicks was apprenticed by his father in Louisiana a year and a half ago for a period of three years.

Justice Clark, in the Supreme Court, denied a motion to revoke the contract made with Plicque and restrain him from keeping the lad as an apprentice, the appellants claiming that the Plicque contract was secured from the elder Hicks by misrepresentation and that Hicks subsequently made a second contract with Hamilton M. Wright, of New Orleans, by which he and Hicks were to divide the fees earned by Wallace Hicks for a term of years. Hicks has been making about $10,000 a year.

Justice Clark in denying the notice to revoke the contract said the proceeding seems to be an attempt by Wright to obtain possession of a minor by other means than a writ of habeas corpus. He said he could see no good reason for making any change in the conditions now existing, and that the proceeding seemed to be an attempt to regain possession of the jockey for the purpose of gain without consulting his own wishes. Justice Clark said that if the second contract were not one of apprenticeship it must be a form of slavery forbidden by the laws of the United States.

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Joe Gans, the lightweight champion, who defeated Willie Fitzgerald at Detroit on January 12, was once under the management of Jack Burke, who, in speaking of Gans the other day, said:

"I first saw Gans when he was an almost unknown boxer in a town where Negro fighters are as plenty as apples. While playing in Baltimore I attended a fight given at popular prices and saw Gans whip another Negro. He was raw then, but something about his work made him look like a comer to me, and so I asked him to let me manage him. As an old fighter I was wise to many points in the game that I thought I could utilize in making him a winner.

"Gans was willing and I matched him with a lad named Hamilton in Philadelphia. Just before they were to fight Al Herford produced a contract with Gans for a year, and threatened to levy on his receipts. I paid Gans $100 for his trouble and called the match off. Then I took him to Canada and we got a match at Montreal with a fellow named Maurice. Everyone there was sure Gans would lose, and so we cleaned up about $500 on the fight. That ended it, for Herford was ready to cut in any time I made any more matches for Gans.

"When his contract with Herford ran out I heard from Gans, but then determined to retire from managing fighters, and so there was nothing doing. If I had tried to get him then I would be better off than I am now, for he has turned out a wonderful fighter."

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Joe Gans has agreed to take on Mike Ward at 140 pounds.

CLANS TO GATHER.

ARTISTIC FORECAST OF TUSKEGEE NEGRO CONFERENCE.

FARMER, PROFESSIONAL MEN

And Students of Types Exchanged—Notes for Mutual Improvement—Simple Story of South's Uplift to be Told by Tiller of Soil.

(By Our Special Staff Correspondent.)

Have you ever been to a Negro Farmers' Conference at Tuskegee?

What is it like?

It can be said in all truth that the sights ane sees at these unique gatherings "beggar description," to borrow a term from the arena of melodramatic fiction. There is nothing like them under the sun. Mere words convey but a faint idea of the moving panorama—the ever-changing pictures that present themselves during these festal occasions, and the people of every kind, color, and condition that you will meet.

To the farmer, the mechanic, the teacher, the preacher, the doctor, the lawyer, or student of human types generally, a Tuskegee Negro Conference possesses elements of the most absorbing interest, and it is certainly worth traveling many miles to view.

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Early in the morning, long before daybreak, you will see coming from all points of the compass, "the simple farmer folk," to whom this annual pilgrimage to the Tuskegee Mecca is an event not less important than was the periodical journey of the ancient Arabians to the birthplace of their beloved Mohammed. It is looked forward to for weeks with the keenest anticipation, and it furnishes a theme for lively conversation for many after months. They come afoot, in wagons, on ox-carts, on mule-back, and some of the more prosperous rise to the dignity of neat horse and buggy turnouts, the whole illustrating in vivid fashion the progressive development of these denizens of the Southland from the primitive life of the fathers to the more modern demands of the sons. All are neatly clad for the momentous occasion—the men in sober, substantial garments, the women varying from the plain frock and sunbonnet of the country housewife to the natty costume and befeathered millinery of the city belle. With them invariably district schoolmaster, and the thrifty crossroads storekeeper, the latter of whom, by the way, is becoming more and more a factor in supplying the daily wants of our people, and thus keeping within the race hundreds of dollars that once upon a time went freely and often unsatisfactorily into the coffers of a grasping and unfeeling white merchant.

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On the trains come visitors from the more remote sections of the country—Alabama and the adjoining States of the South being particularly well represented with a very liberal sprinkling of people from the North, anxious to note at this Tuskegee clearing house the garmered results growing out of this vast industrial and agricultural propoganda. And let it not be overlooked, the newspaper and magazine writers with pencil and camera are there, too, to tell and portray to the expectant world what is going on in this busy quarter of the Western hemisphere. Everybody wears his most genial smile and broadly invites the closest fellowship with his neighbor. Nature assumes a delightfully sympathetic mood, and harmony is the ruling spirit of the hour.

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Promptly at nine o'clock the exercises of the day begin in the massive building dedicated to the trades. Here there is less restraint and an absence of the conventionality that the stately auditorium of the great chapel seems to call for, and the embryo orators from the soil speak their mind more freely in these unpretentious surroundings. It goes without the saying that the central figure in all this immense concourse of humanity—the cynosure of all eyes, as it were, the man who most completely embodies within his own character and career the principles and purposes that underlie this gala occasion is—Booker T. Washington. Thus, on common ground, the creator and the creation meet for consultation and review.

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In his opening speech, Mr. Washington strikes the keynote of the day, forecasts the platform of the Conference, and sets the pace for an old-fashioned experience meeting in which the Bible and religion are flanked by warranty deeds and homespun industry, and wherein unvarnished logic takes precedence over rhetoric, facts over floral embellishments, and practical suggestions over oratorical pyrotechnics. In short, the assembled farmers—those who have earned the right to speak by actually doing something—are asked to tell in simple, unaffected language how they became possessors of what they own. Gently but firmly led by the encouraging hints and significant questions of Mr. Washington, they relate how the first little plot of ground was secured on which was built by their own hands a humble one-room cabin; how a mule was gotten, then a cow, some pigs, and a lot of chickens. As the crop is gathered and prosperity dawns, a little more land is purchased, a second mule is procured, and perhaps another cow, more hogs, chickens, etc., and another room is added to the family homestead. Some tell how they have themselves supplied the place of the mule in front of the plow, while the faithful wife held the handles in the rear; how the meat-plate at the table was kept filled by sundry rabbits caught in traps, and how mortgages were lifted by a determined policy of living "economize," as some well-meaning "hustler" described his method. These stories of small beginnings and substantial growth go on with increasing interest, dull monotony being banished by experiences that are so pathetic that tears can scarecely be restrained, followed a moment later by incidents so full of grotesque humor that the place echoes with spontaneous mirth, in all of which Mr. Washington joins as heartily as if he were a guest instead of the presiding officer. Order is restored and ramblings in narration are straightened out, however, in the twinkling of an eye, by a gesture or prompting query.

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Then come the declarations: the crop of essentials, developed from the seed thoughts and personal testimony of the farmers. These are the aggregated expressions of the Conference, and serve as solemn advice as to what to strive for more strenuously during the succeeding year. The delegates pledge themselves first of all to try to buy homes, then to do away with the mortgage system as rapidly as possible, to raise food supplies at home rather than go in debt for them at the store, to lengthen the school term in rural districts by private subscriptions if necessary, to discountenance immoral and incompetent preachers and teachers, to encourage the saving habit by maintaining a bank account, to get a firm footing in the soil, to oppose disorderely camp meetings and excursions, and to insist upon exemplary conduct on the part of the race in all public places.

After adjournment occurs the really picturesque scene of the day—the great barbecue, in which every man, woman and child participate with relish and glee. Whole beeves, sheep and hogs are done to a turn by a masterhand, and steaming hot coffee and an abundance of bread are served on the long rows of tables invitingly prepared at convenient points on the grounds. Before nightfall the enterprising photographer has taken his snapshots of interesting sights, each farmer has been given his bunch of choice seeds provided by the Agricultural Department, congratulations are exchanged and the good-byes are said—the journey homeward is begun, and amid cheers and joyous aclaim another Tuskegee Negro Conference passes into history.

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The Workers' Conference of the next day is not less interesting, even if lacking in spectacular effects. It is made up of the leaders of thought of the nation, and the object is to compare notes as to the best method of vitalizing the declarations of the mass conference of the previous day, to inspire the Negro with an intense desire for mental, moral and material advancement, and so provide the means for the practical enlightenment of the people. In this gathering are college presidents, professors of many arts and sciences, teachers of elementary branches, ministers of the gospel, masetr mechanics, managing agriculturists and business men and women of every grade. The discussions are faced in a fashion so direct and vigorous that a solution is not difficult to reach, thus clinching the physical efforts of the farmers and artisans with the sturdy bolt of ripe scholarship, experienced leadership, and a practical philosophy that fosters positive results, each year of grace finds the Negro people farther and farther advanced toward the goal of civilization and the prize of exalted citizenship more nearly within their grasp. The leavening influence of these Tuskegee Conferences for Christianity and intelligent industry is felt in the home-life of the race throughout the South, and the inspiration to higher endeavor they implant in the heart of the Black Belt is an illumination of measureless brilliance to the constructive labors of Booker T. Washington.

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The next Tuskegee Negro Conference will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, February 17 and 18. Are you planning to be present?

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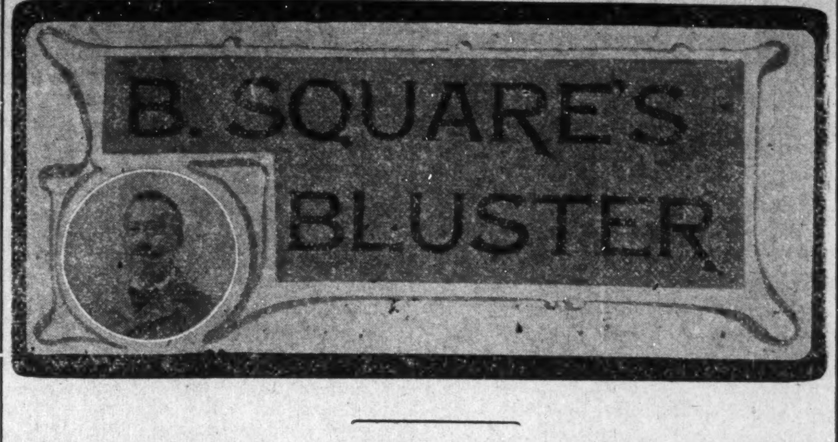

B. SQUARE'S BLUSTER

There is no perfection in this world of either men or things. The Brooklyn, (New York) Eagle is, as a rule, correct upon all subjects, state or national. It is a liberal, out spoken and fair-minded newspaper. It, as a rule, knows no race, color or creed; it is from a journalistic view point as near perfection as any journal published in the United States, still it is not perfect.

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In a recent issue of the Brooklyn Eagle its world famed cartoonist, Maybell, had a cartoon upon the much vexed "Negro Problem." His productive mind pictured an old time, shoeless plantation darky standing under a tree in the middte of a field during a severe thunder storm. The tree, the cartoonist called "political agitation," and a bolt of lighting called "race prejudice" played at the Negro's feet. The headline said: "Don't stand under a tree during a thunder storm."

An editorial in the next issue of the Brooklyn Eagle, under the headline of "The Negro Problem," stated that the Negroes in Texas and several other hopelessly Democratic states in the South were fighting against the recognition of the "Lilly White Republicans" of those sections and advised the Negroes to keep out of politics and to leave well enough alone.

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The Brooklyn Eagle, for once at least is dead wrong. The colored American is by birth, right and constitution a citizen of the United States, and, therefore interested in all and everything of interest to his country.

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QUESTIONS.

How old is Ann?

Who will be the next president of the United States?

What's the matter with Teddy from a colored American's point of view?

Who will be the first colored member of the lower house of New York State from the twenty first assembly district of Brooklyn? If not a Negro, why not? as it is the banner Negro district in the state.

Why have you not paid your subscription for 1904 to The Freeman?

Why (as before stated) we do not hear, as of yore, from a noted colored American female writer of song and story?

Why The Freeman is the greatest Negro journal in the United States? (This is easy).

Why a certain leading colored journal will not "follow copy" when publishing articles of mine?

Why we do not hear from Edward Elmore Brock in The Freeman?

What has become of a certain Negro bank, a certain Negro daily newspaper, a certain "in press" book to be called the "International History of the Negro" and a certain Negro Steamboat Company?

Speaking of questions, what has become of the John Brown monument project?

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I was seated (alone of course) in a swell cafe, at the table ahead sat the owner and two swell ladies (?) a colored man entered in company with a very pretty white girl, and called for—well some "wet goods." The waiter knew his business, also the laws of the state of New York, and served the man. One of the other ladies (?) nearly fainted, when she came to herself she said: "Well, why the idea of a white girl coming in a place like this with a nigger. Why, if that was down South they would lynch that Negro and put that girl away." "But we are not down South," said the business like proprietor as he looked up and saw in the person of the Negro one of his best patrons.

The proprietor was a money hunter of the North, a native of New York City, born of German parents and "knew his little book," also the laws of his native state. He was "out for the dust," and as the man and woman acted as two refined persons—a gentleman and lady—and the man "blew in about $15 the landlord simply smiled.

B. SQUARE

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CITY AND SOCIETY BRIEFS.

Miss Ida Groves is ill.

H. L. Sanders is out again.

Mrs. Mary S. Williams is convalescent.

Miss Etta Evans is out again after a short illness.

If you see it in this column believe it, because it is so.

J. W. Evans is director of the Y. M. C. A. Glee Club.

Mr. John Todd of Cleveland, O., was in the city last week.

Mr. Charles Poindexter of Cincinnati spent Sunday in the city.

The best society news, the most spicy social happenings in this column.

Sanford Yopp, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., is able to be out again.

Mrs. J. W. Holliman of the Parker House has recovered from a short illness.

Mrs. Lavina Sneed is recovering from injuries sustained in a street car accident.

The Planet Hotel is headquarters for the colored United Mine Workers of America.

Miss Anna Smith and Mr. William Walker were quietly married last Saturday evening.

Miss Tennie [illegible]. Robinson of North Sheffield avenue is much improved after a severe illness.

Miss Roxie Sharp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sharp, 310 Muskingum street, died Tuesday morning.

James Edwards and his mother, Mrs Edwards, were buried from Bethel A. M. E. church Saturday morning.

Ray Smith is slowly recovering from injuries received recently in an accident at the new Washington street bridge.

Bishop A. Mack is holding revival services at the South Cavalry Baptist church, Rev. Chas. F. Williams pastor.

Mrs. Mattie Temple-Goodall died at the residence of her parents in Minervia street, Tuesday evening, after a long illness.

Grant H Johnston and Clarence Toles are the only colored graduates of the Manual Training High School, January class.

Arthur Barber, a former student of the Manual Training High School, is a draftsman for the Brown-Ketcham Co., iron manufacturers.

Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Brown will remove to the family residence, 1304 N. Missouri street, next week. Dr. Brown's office still remains at 754½ Indiana Ave.

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Dr. Theodore M. Kakaza, a native of South Africa and a student of Meharry Medical College, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Burton L. Taylor in Sciota street.

The United Mine Workers of America gave a liberal collection to the Baptist University of Indiana. Tuesday morning, at the instance of Mrs. H. H. Knight.

Benjamin Taylor and Thomas Smith, members of Hose Company No. 16, suffered bruses about the face and body at the street car barn fire early Monday morning.

Two largely attended revival meetings were held at Tomlinson Hall, Sunday afternoon and night, by Mrs. Lena Mason, the evangelist. The meetings were marked by earnestness and enthusiasm.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will give a China reception at Odd Fellows' Hall, Monday evening, Feb 8, 1904, for the benefit of the association. There will be an excellent program.

Miss Anna Smith, daughter of Mrs Frances Smith, was married Saturday evening to Mr William Walker at the residence of Rev. J. Franklin Walker in Cornell avenue They will reside at the bride's home, 309 Muskingum street.

A mass meeting of colored women to be addressed by Mrs. Josephine Yates, president of the National Association of Colored Women, and by Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis, the national organizer of the association, is announced for next Thursday evening, February 4, at Bethel church. A large attendance is expected to hear these eloquent women.

"Her Only Sin," Lincoln J. Carter's most pretentious drama, comes to the Park on next Monday with an English actress, Miss Julia Gray, at the head of the company. This is her first tour of America, but she has had wide experience on the London stage The play tells of the sacrifices a mother makes to save her child from the entanglements of an old English law and is said to be of peculiarly appealing interest. On Thursday the Park will have "A Ragged Hero" for its bill. It is a melodrama, with its scenes in New England, and it abounds in thrilling incidents, chief among them being a race between the heroine on a bob-sled and a railroad train. The play carries a large quantity of scenery and equipment.

The United Mine Workers of America began their annual convention here Monday, Jan. 18th. Many colored delegates representing several States are in attendance. From their respective districts they represent miners regardless of creed, color or nationality. The most cordial feeling possible exists among the miners toward their colored brethren; in cases where there are two representatives from one district, one is white and the other colored. At the Monday afternoon executive session held at the German House a resolution to the effect that all branches of labor irrespective of creed, color, nationality, be affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, was unanimously passed. Among the States represented by colored delegates are Iowa, West Virginia, Alabama, Kansas Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and some others

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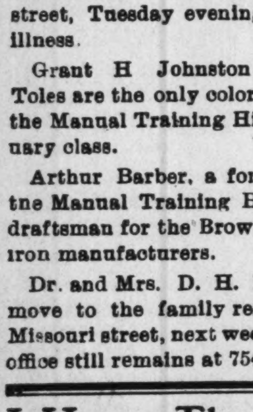

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